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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
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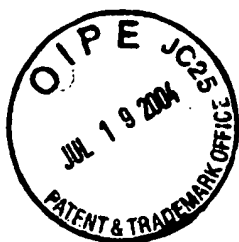
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office action having a mailing date of April 19, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire July 19, 2004, which makes this a timely filed response to the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application. Applicants assert that entry of the following amendments places the present application in better form for consideration on appeal.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: